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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventor: Ryutaro HASHI et al. Art Unit 4183
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For: COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND COMMUNICATION METHOD

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 27, 2007, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1, 6, and 7 stand rejected, under 35 USC §102(e), as being anticipated by Pohjakallio (US 5,502,721). Claims 2-5 stand rejected, under 35 USC §103(a), as being unpatentable over Pohjakallio in view of Takabatake et al. (US 6,993,005). The Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claim 1 defines a communication apparatus that requests the establishment of a link for transmitting next information before terminating a link for information transmitted currently. The claimed subject matter supports enhancing an average transmission rate while avoiding deterioration of the accuracy of communicated information (see specification page 3, lines 8-10).